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We had a small reception tonight for the Taylors. In the course of it, I had a chance to hear from the General his impressions of British attitudes regarding matters he had discussed with them. The principal topics were contrasted US-UK views on military strategy; possible changes in NATO organization; US-French relations; the requirement for US atomic tests; and the situations in Berlin and South Vietnam. He obtained no satisfaction, nor was [redacted] hopeful that the British would revise the proposals contained in their White Paper on Defense. His particular interest is in having the British step up their contribution of conventional forces to NATO. As long as they continue to finance their independent nuclear deterrent, and keep the present ceiling on their total military expenditures, there is little chance, in my opinion, of BAOR being adequately manned and equipped.

We have had a good many talks in the Embassy about how the above might be done. Personally, I think there is little hope, unless a firm US Government position were adopted, and serious discussions took place at the highest level as to how we might enter into some partnership arrangement with the British in the nuclear field to satisfy their prestige and security requirements.

The others who came for drinks were

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Canfield
Mr. Cass Canfield
Mr. and Mrs. Hamish Hamilton
Ambassador and Mrs. Walton Butterworth
Prince and Princess de Caraman Chimay
Princess Borghese
Mr. Wells

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Mr. Swift came in to see me this morning, to say that Frank Wisner is somewhat ill, and has been told by doctors he should remain quietly at home for a month. For the first time, he has high blood pressure. This will not alter the previous plans for his replacement. Archie Roosevelt is due to arrive here about May 1st and take over from him, and Frank presumably will still go home about May 15. I shall miss him.

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"Frenchmen's Cove" and on a couple of other horses. Needless to say, they were not in the running. "Frenchmen's Cove" was doing splendidly, when another animal fell in front of him and he tumbled on top. It was a magnificent race, with 33 entries, and only two falls, finally won by a 12-year old gelding, "Kilmore".

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